

# Digital patologi - betydning for bioanalytikeruddannelsen

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# Hvem er vi?



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# On the Road to Digital Pathology in Denmark

- National Survey and Interviews

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# INTRODUKTION

## DIGITAL PATOLOGI

**Seneste år:**

Forskning

Undervisning

Begrænset brug til rutinediagnostik

**Nye:**

Hurtigere

Højere kvalitet

Mulighed for fuldt digitaliseret workflow



# FORMÅL

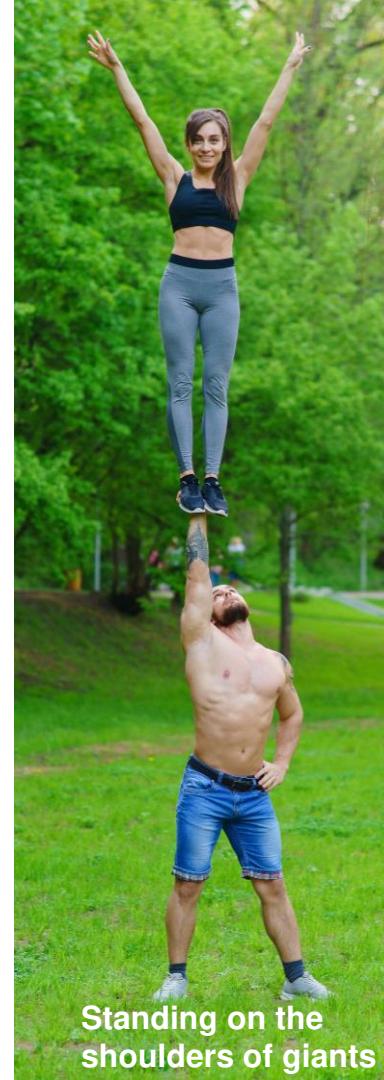
**DANMARK:**  
I gang med  
implementering  
af digital patologi

Medarbejdernes oplevelse af  
transitionen til digital patologi  
– en national undersøgelse



# RELEVANS FOR HVEM?

**Interessenter** der arbejder med  
**implementering** af digital patologi,  
nationalt, regionalt eller lokalt  
kan lære af  
**kollegaers erfaringer**  
fra alle patologiske afdelinger  
i Danmark



Standing on the  
shoulders of giants

KP

# METODE

## Mixed model

Data indsamlet 2019-2020.

### 1. Spørgeskema

Web-baseret

Alle patologiafdelinger i Danmark, n= 13.

Alle professioner:

klinikchefer,

læger,

akademikere,

sekretærer,

- og bioanalytikere.



### 2. Interviews:

Fire informanter

Semistruktureret



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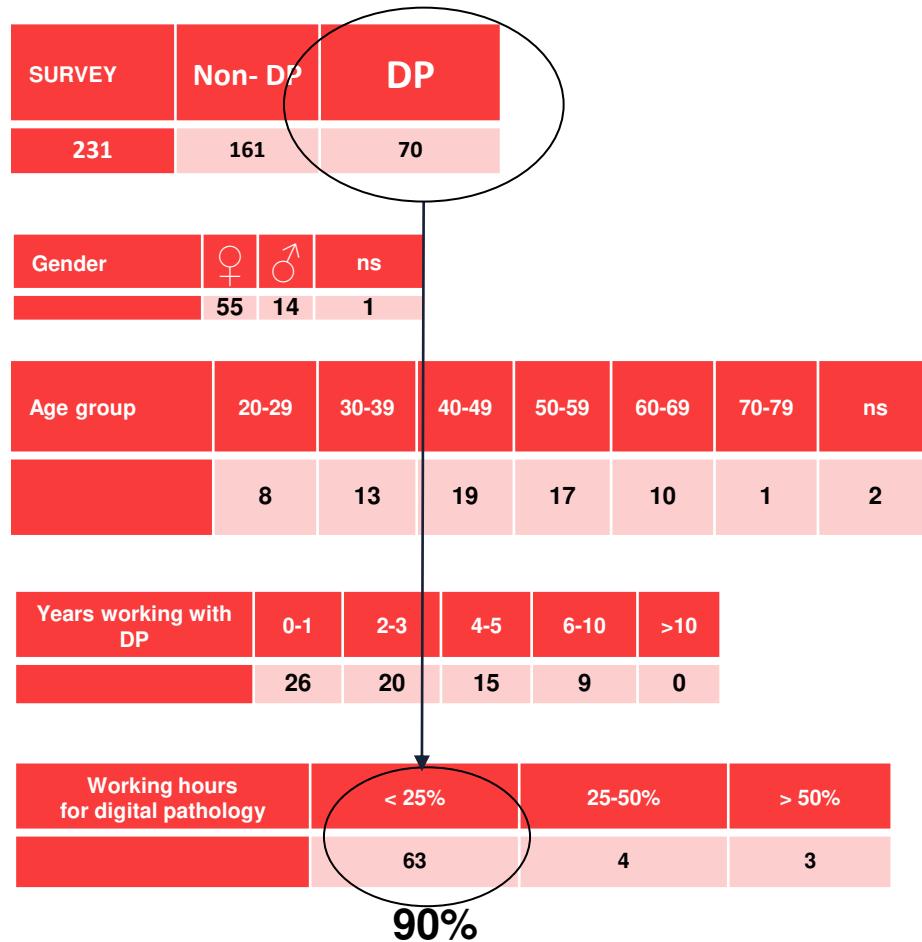
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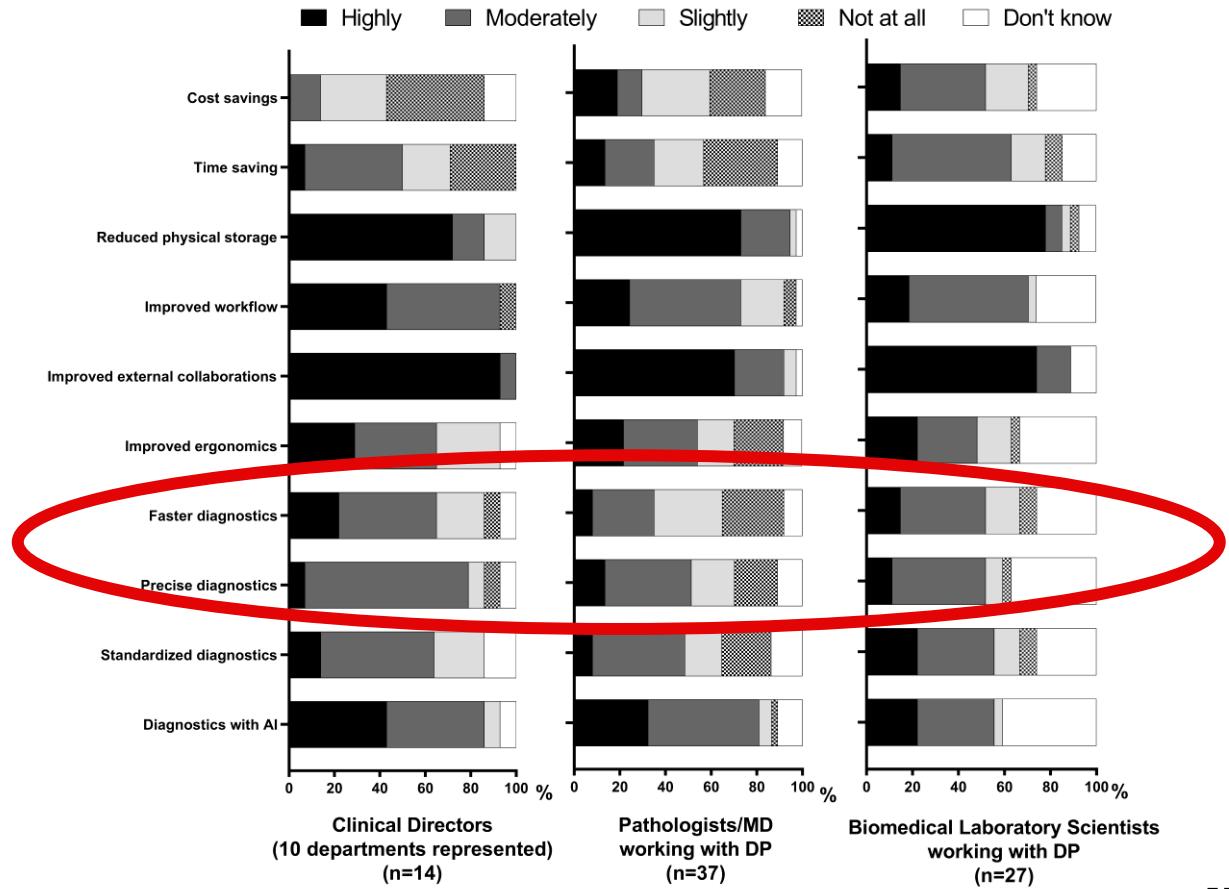
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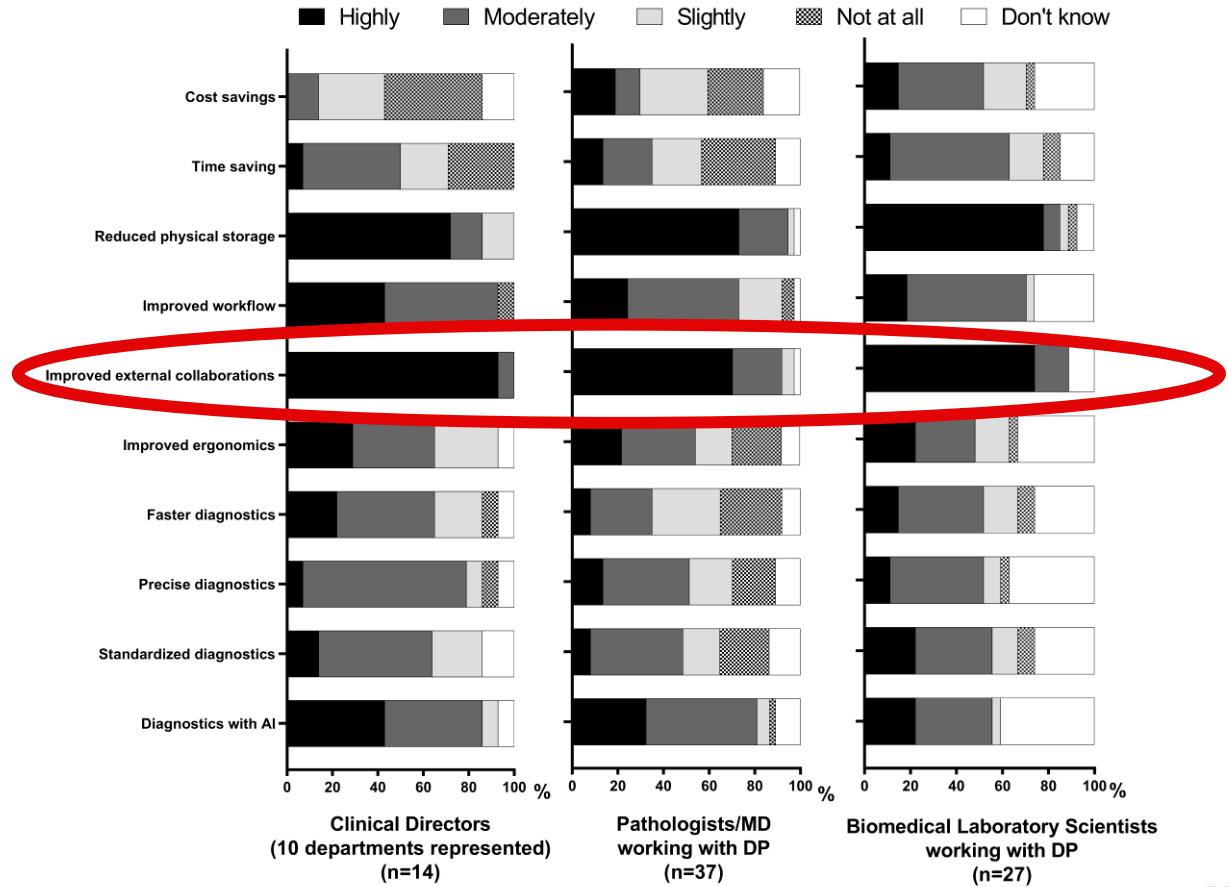
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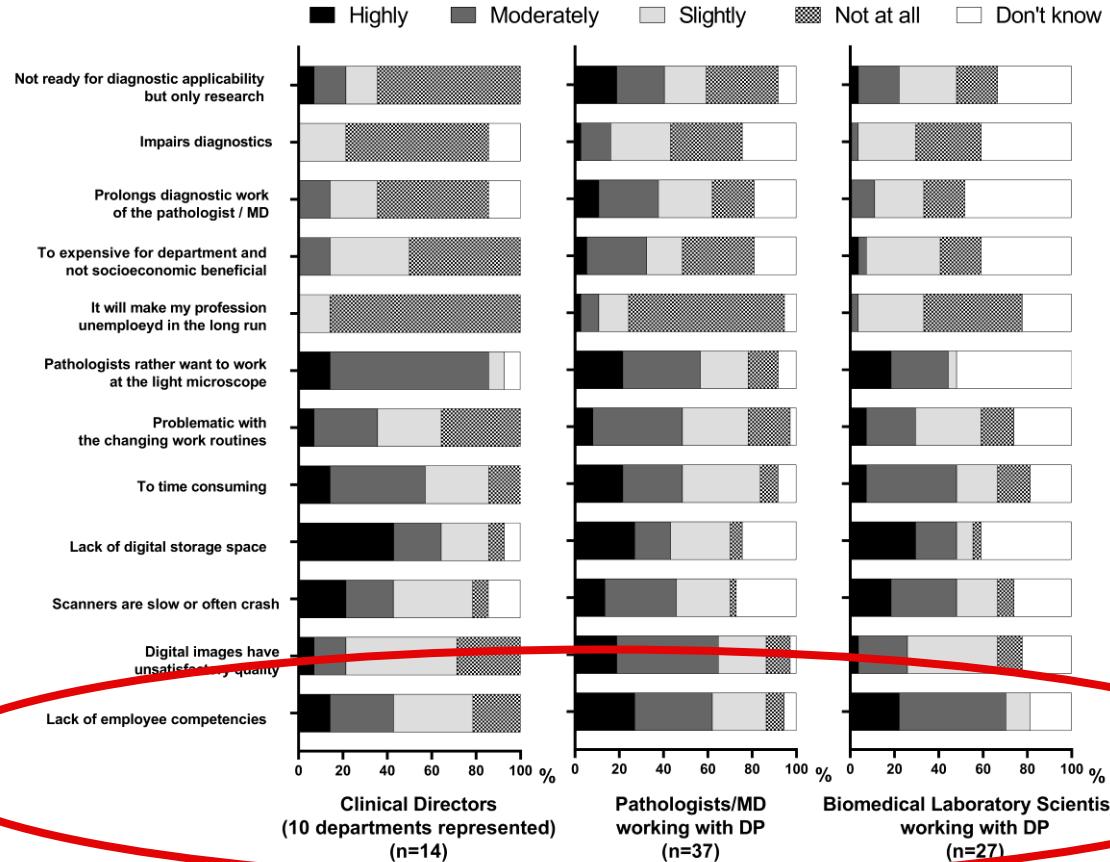
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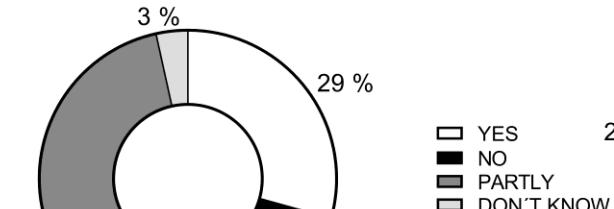
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What challenges or disadvantages do you see in digital pathology?  
- state to what extent you agree

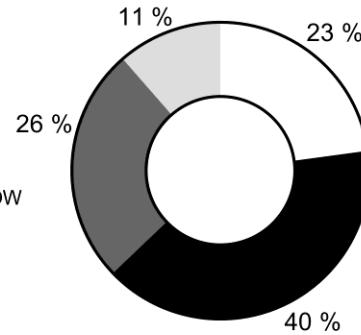


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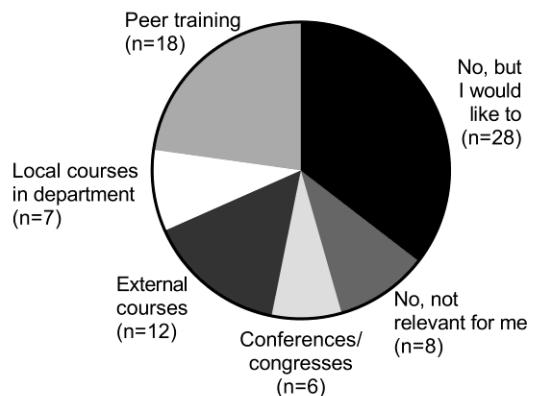
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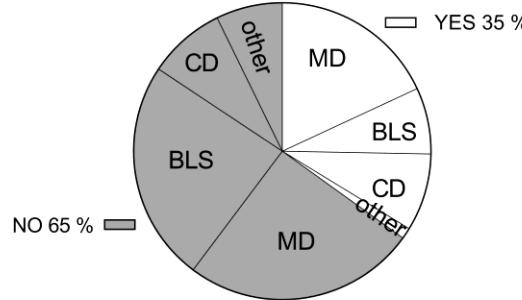
Do you feel prepared to work with DAIA?

**C**

Participated in DP training?

**D**

Would you be interested to be part of a national DP consortium?





## 2 On the Road to Digital Pathology in Denmark—National Survey 3 and Interviews

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### 8 Abstract

9 Digital pathology (DP) is changing pathology departments dramatically worldwide, yet globally, few departments are presently  
10 digitalized for the full diagnostic workflow. Denmark is also on the road to full digitalization country wide, and this study aim to  
11 cover experiences during the implementation process in a national context. Thus, quantitative questionnaires were distributed  
12 to all pathology departments in Denmark ( $n = 13$ ) and distributed to all professions including medical clinical directors, medical  
13 doctors (MD) and biomedical laboratory scientists (BLS). For a qualitative perspective, we interviewed four employees  
14 representing four professions. Data were collected in 2019–2020. From the questionnaire and interviews, we found strategies  
15 differed at the Danish departments with regards to ambitions, technological equipment, workflows, and involvement of type  
16 of professionals. DP education was requested by personnel. Informants were in general positive toward the digital future but  
17 mainly had concerns regarding the political pressure to integrate DP before technological advances are sufficient for main-  
18 taining rational budgets, workflows, and to sustain diagnostic quality. This study is a glance on the Danish implementation  
19 process in its early stages from personnel's point of view. It shows the complexity when large new workflow processes are  
20 to be implemented countrywide and with a large diversity of stakeholders like managers, MD, BLS, IT-professionals, and  
21 authorities. To ensure best technological and economical solutions and to maintain—or even optimize—diagnostic quality  
22 with DP and workflow alignment, we suggest superior inter- and intradepartmental communication. When implementing DP  
23 countrywide, a national consortium is warranted with the variety of stakeholders represented.

24 **Keywords** Digital pathology · Implementation · Qualitative · End-users · Management

### 25 Introduction

26 Presently, many pathology departments aim to get fully digital  
27 with digital pathology (DP), providing new opportunities like  
28 digital assisted image analysis and artificial intelligence [1].  
29 DP has for a long while been a successful tool in research

30 and education but with limited use in primary diagnostics [2,  
31 3], but new technological advancements have now made DP  
32 an interesting player in the diagnostic setting—not only for  
33 the DP front-runner laboratories [2, 4–7]. DP is an image-  
34 based environment that involve the work process after staining  
35 procedures: From scanning glass slides to end-diagnosis [8].  
36 Barely a decade ago, approximately only a third of patholo-  
37 gists believed that the digital images had potential use in pri-  
38 mary diagnostics [9], but with timely results and sufficient  
39 quality to ensure patient safety transferring laboratories to DP  
40 is perhaps becoming inevitable.

41 Implementing DP can be a national confined process [9],  
42 or driven locally by laboratories [9]. In several countries,  
43 digitalization may not have started, but the awareness of  
44 its coming is widely accepted with a knowledge of it being  
45 a laborious and costly process [2, 4, 6, 7]. At a UK depart-  
46 ment on the brink of starting the process of becoming a  
47 DP department, employees disclosed their concerns about

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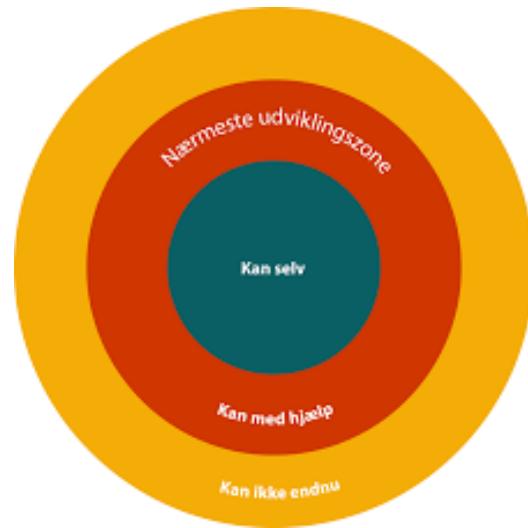
# Tak for opmærksomheden



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# Uddannelsen – skaber fundamentet



# Uddannelse – fra undersøgelsen



Viser at bio arbejder med **digital scanning** (64%), **diagnostik ved virtuel mikroskopi** (16%), og deltager i **forskning/udviklingsprojekter** i relation til digital patologi (26%)

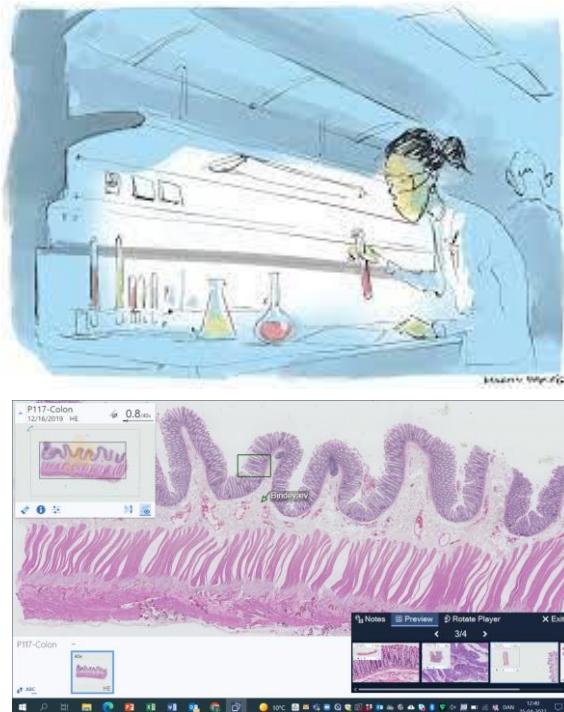
"**DP vil kræve flere bio ressourcer** – nogle skal sørge for at kvalitet og prøve-flow overholdes"

Indførsel af teknologi vil på sigt kunne tiltrække en **ny type bioanalytiker**

"Udviklingsmuligheder ift **efteruddannelse** i digitale/IT løsninger af bioanalytikere"

"Uddannelser skal favne og give **kompetencer der understøtte DP** arbejde (så ikke IT- ingeniører overtager)"

# Vigtige pointer for bioanalytikeruddannelsen?



**Prøvens vej gennem HELE laboratoriet** – Forståelse for at hele processen påvirkes

**Ny type bioanalytiker studerende** – med styrket teknologisk fokus og interesse

**Praksis transfer** – at vi fortsat har et stærkt samarbejde med praksis for at styrke transfer (vigtigt når det er nyt for både os på uddannelsen og praksis)

**Opgaveglidning** – mulighed for at bioanalytikere svarer negative prøver → betyder de studerende skal have styrket deres videns grundlag fra uddannelsen

# DP på PHA

**Integrations fase – vi er kun lige startet med at have digitalt patologi som del af undervisningspraksis hos Absalon**

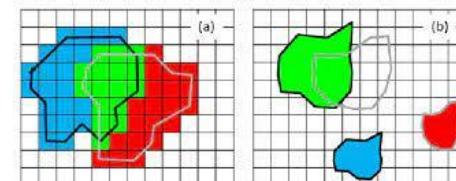
**Undervisning på 4 semester i digital patologi**

**Laboratorie praksis - færdigheder**

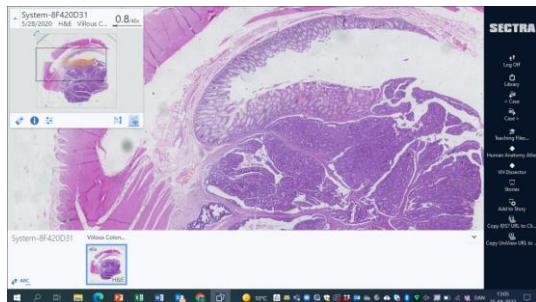
**Almen histologi 2 semester**

**Patologisk projekt (Cancer) 4 semester**

**Teknologi valgfag 7 semester**



# Første skridt på vejen - PHA



Biokemi og kemi

Histologi – mikroskopisk anatomi

Makroskopisk udkæring, fixering, indlejring i paraffin og  
skæring på mikrotom (semi-automatisk)

Teknologi forståelse og kvalitetssikring

Patologisk anatomi

Viden om kunstig intelligens og digitale analyser

Forståelse for digitale billeder og filer

# Semesteropbygning KP

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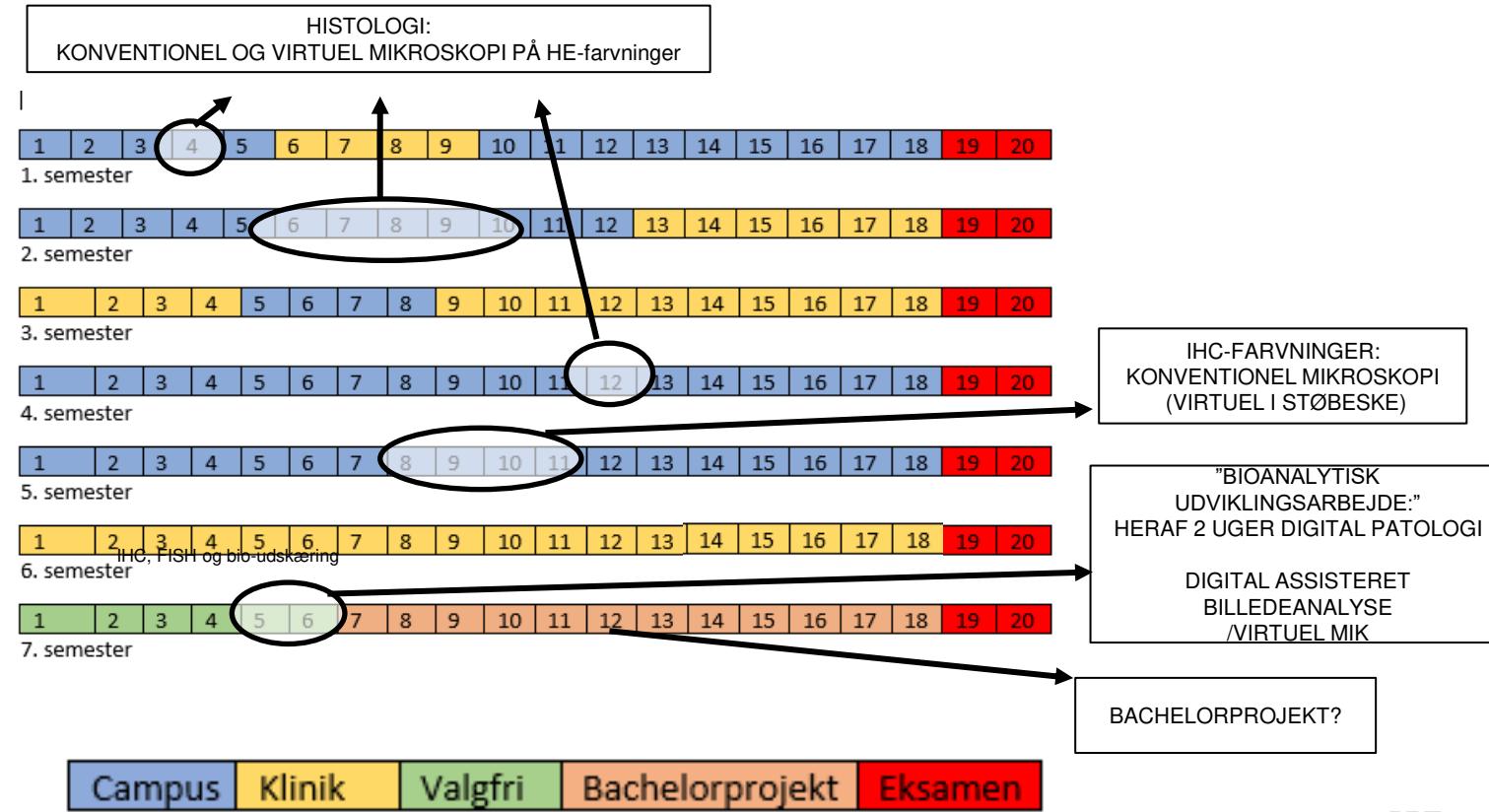
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# Digital patologi



# VIRTUEL MIKROSKOPI- PATHXL TUTOR



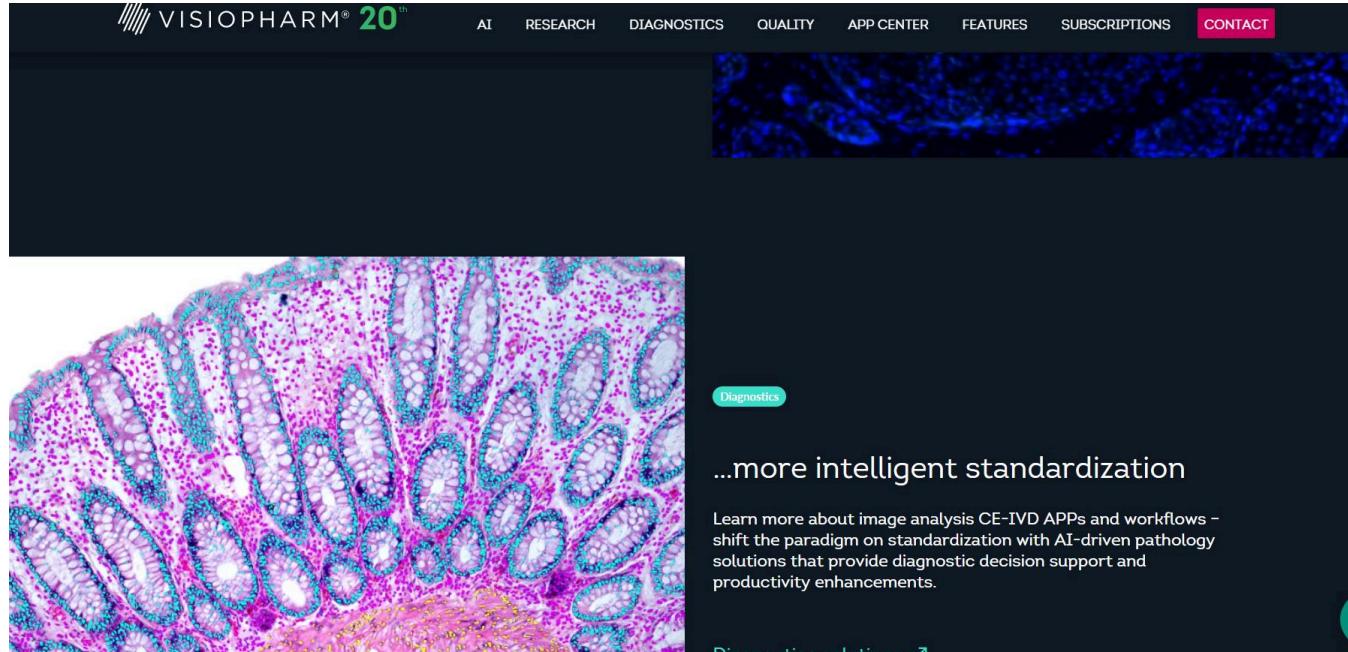
The screenshot shows a man with a mustache pointing at a computer screen displaying a digital histology slide. A woman with blonde hair is looking at the screen. The background shows a laboratory setting with other people working at computers. The website header includes the CIRDAN logo, navigation links for Home, Solutions, Pathology Horizons, and a green 'Get In Touch' button. The main heading 'Tutor' is displayed over the image, with the subtext 'Transform the learning and education experience with digital pathology' and a 'Request More Info' button.



## Fremtiden:

- Udvide vores digital samling med specialfarvninger og de hyppigste immunfarvninger (kontroller).
- Vi har ikke til hensigt at udfase den konventionelle mikroskopi.

# DIGITAL ASSISTERET BILLEDEANAYSE VI SIOPHARM



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# 7. SEMESTER VALGFRI – 2 UGER DIGITAL PATHOLOGI

- Antal studerende: 20-35 studerende
- 3 forskellige cases herunder kvantificering af CD31, Ki67 og SMA. Studerende arbejder med digital billedanalyse samt bearbejder resultater
- For at sikre alignment med praksis er cases udviklet i samarbejde med hhv. RBL, Visiopharm, og Novo.
- Faglige oplæg:  
Stig Hansen (OUH),  
Oliver Carlsson (Visiopharm)

Studerende udprøves ved en individuel skriftlig eksamen, hvor læringsudbytter ønskes opfyldt.

# FORDELE OG UDFORDRINGER

## FORDELE:

- Studerende: Spændende at arbejde med sidste nye.
- Studerende er digitale så det falder dem let.
- Tæt samarbejde med klinikken giver bedre transfer
- Forberede til fremtiden

## UDFORDRINGER

- Digital patologi kræver tæt og opfølgende samarbejde med It-afd. (ressourcer).
- Kontrakt fornyelser / økonomi (feks licenser / Har ikke skanner)
- Stort arbejde at indsamle materiale til virtuel mikroskopi samt udvikling af nutidige relevante cases

# Tak for i lyttede – spørgsmål?

